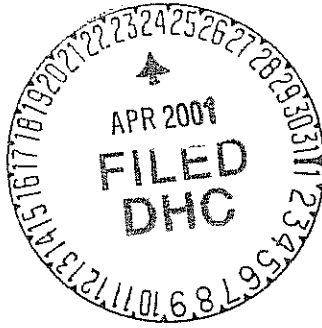


NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, )  
)  
Plaintiff, )  
)  
v. )  
)  
WILLIAM EUGENE BUTNER, )  
Attorney, )  
)  
Defendant. )

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**ORDER OF INTERIM SUSPENSION**

A Complaint was filed in this matter by the North Carolina State Bar on or about February 22, 2001, seeking an Order of Discipline against the Defendant, based upon a showing of criminal convictions and allegations of commission of criminal acts, in violation of N.C.G.S. §§ 84-28 (b) (1) and 84-28 (b) (2) respectively. A hearing on the Complaint has been scheduled for June 22, 2001.

Contemporaneously with the transmission of the Summons and Complaint to the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission for scheduling, the State Bar sought an Order of Interim Suspension of Defendant's law license until conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings against Defendant. The parties were permitted to and did file memoranda on the issue of interim suspension with the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of the North Carolina State Bar.

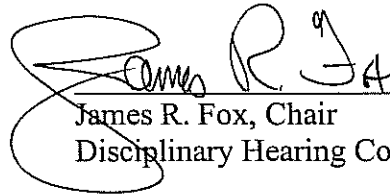
The Chair has reviewed the record in the case thus far compiled and carefully considered all materials filed by the parties on the issue of interim suspension.

Based upon such review, pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B, § .0115, the Chair determines that Defendant's law license shall be suspended pending disposition of all disciplinary proceedings against Defendant. This action is taken as provided under the rules in the Chair's discretion to insure prevention of damage to the public and the profession, pending disposition of disciplinary proceedings.

WHEREFORE, it is ordered that Defendant's law license be suspended pending disposition of all disciplinary proceedings of the State Bar currently pending against him.

SO ORDERED:

04/23/01

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Fox", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops.

James R. Fox, Chair  
Disciplinary Hearing Commission